

Male Batterers' Intervention Program Component For
Encouraging Responsible Fatherhood Initiative
In Atlantic, Middlesex, Morris, Sussex Counties

Questions and Answers

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- 1. Does the \$45,000 apply only to the Fatherhood component or the entire BIP program?**

The \$45,000 applies to both, these are not separate components.

- 2. Can we incorporate our own "fatherhood curriculum" into our existing 26-week program?**

Yes. Please refer to page 6 of the RFP which outlines the curriculum content to make sure you meet the requirements of the RFP. There is no prescribed or boxed "fatherhood curriculum" that is mandatory to be included in the BIP program. The Department encourages evidenced based, evidence-informed, emerging and promising practice.

- 3. How many sessions need to focus on parenting specifically?**

There is "no one size fits all" prescribed BIP model or curriculum. The proposed program will be viewed as a whole and must meet the requirements of the RFP. Please refer to page 6 of the RFP and the New Jersey Coalition for Battered Women Standards for Batterer's Intervention Program when designing your program and curriculum content. The Department encourages evidence based, evidence-informed, emerging and promising practice.

- 4. Do we need to include the Strengthening Families Framework at this time?**

Yes, it is expected that agencies become knowledgeable about the framework and integrate it into their practice.

5. Will we be required to create an outcome measurement tool or will DCF provide it?

Applicants are required to propose performance based outcomes with measurement methods that align with your program design. These performance based outcomes will be finalized through the contract process if application is successful. Applicants are also required to submit monthly data reports to DCF-Office of Domestic Violence Services. A uniform monthly data report form will be provided by the Department.

6. Section C-“The initial contract period of March 1, 2013 - June 30, 2013 level of service (LOS) will be a minimum of 25 clients.”

This would be a start-up program as we have not provided offender services in over five years. Given the time required for staff recruitment and training, would serving the 25 clients through intake and/or assessment be eligible for reaching the LOS, or are you looking for actual group participation by the end of that period?

Applicants must demonstrate the need and ability to provide services to a minimum of 80 clients per contract year. The initial contract period of March 1, 2013 - June 30, 2013 level of service (LOS) will be a minimum of 25 clients. Applicant proposals should be submitted explaining how they will provide services (and what types) during the initial contract period. It is expected that group sessions will be held within this initial period. Outline in your proposal how you conduct group sessions, how many and the process you will undertake to qualify participants.